

**661—277.1(100C) Establishment of program.** There is established within the fire marshal division an alarm system contractor and installer certification program. The program is established pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement chapter 100C.

**277.1(1) Certification required.**

*a.* Except as provided in paragraph 277.1(1) “*b*,” no person shall act as an alarm system contractor without being currently certified as an alarm system contractor by the fire marshal. Except as provided in paragraph 277.1(1) “*b*,” no person shall act as an alarm system installer without being currently certified by the fire marshal as an alarm system contractor or alarm system installer unless the person is engaged in the installation of alarm system components, is currently licensed pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement chapter 103, and is exempt from requirements for certification by the fire marshal as an alarm system installer pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement chapter 103.

EXCEPTION: A person may pull cable for an alarm system under the direct supervision of a certified contractor, certified installer, or person licensed pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement chapter 103 who is working as an installer without certification pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement chapter 103.

*b.* On or after October 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2009, a person may operate as a contractor or installer subject to this chapter without being currently certified under this chapter only if the contractor or installer has applied for certification under this chapter. A contractor or installer operating under this paragraph may perform work only within the scope of certification for which the contractor or installer has applied.

**277.1(2) Endorsement.**

*a.* The certification of each contractor or installer shall carry an endorsement for one or more of the following:

- (1) Alarm system contractor.
  1. Fire alarm system contractor (1a).
  2. Nurse call system contractor (1b).
  3. Security alarm system contractor (1c).
  4. Alarm system maintenance inspection contractor (1d).
  5. Dwelling unit alarm system contractor (1e).
- (2) Alarm system installer.
  1. Fire alarm system installer (2a).
  2. Nurse call system installer (2b).
  3. Security alarm system installer (2c).
  4. Alarm system component installer (2d).
  5. Alarm system maintenance inspection installer (2e).
  6. Dwelling unit alarm system installer (2f).
  7. Alarm system installer assistant (2g).

*b.* Any person acting as an alarm system contractor or installer, other than a person who is not required to be certified for such work by the fire marshal, shall do so only in relation to systems covered by the endorsements on the contractor’s or installer’s certification.

**277.1(3) Length of certification.** Certification shall normally be for three years and shall expire on September 30 of the third year after the certification has been issued. A certification which is effective on a date other than October 1 shall be effective on the date on which the certification is issued and shall expire on the next September 30, after two years have passed from the date on which the certification was issued.

**277.1(4) Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding the alarm system contractor and installer certification program may be addressed to:

Alarm System Contractor and Installer Certification Program  
Fire Marshal Division  
Iowa Department of Public Safety  
215 East 7th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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